THINK A NEGRO KILLED ROMER

CIRCUMSTANCES POINT TO A DISCHARGED EMPLOYEE

Who Was at the Hotel in Orange on the Evening of the Murder—Man of His Description Tried to Sell a Ring Like Romer's in Philadelphia—Police After Him.

The Orange police, who have been working since Friday morning on the mystery surrounding the murder of Frederick R. Romer, while not abandoning entirely the theory that the man may have been killed out of revenge, were forced yesterday to turn much of their attention to a new clue which seems to go a long way toward proving that Romer was the victim of a thieving negro.

Among the negroes who have been employed at the Park Hotel lately was George Williams, or Wilson, who applied to Proprietor Francis J. Kieb for work on November 7 and was discharged two weeks later for overcharging a patron, Mr. Kieb says. Williams attracted attention in the hotel by appearing in rooms of guests when he had not been summoned and by a general officiousness which the guests translated into a desire to steal if the opportunity offered.

After being discharged Williams left town, but returned to Orange last week and was first seen on Wednsday near the hotel by one of the women guests, who recognized him and spoke to him. On Wednesday night he went to the hotel to see Berry Coleman, a colored waiter, and collect $1.50 which he said Coleman owed him on a transaction involving a pair of shoes. He did not obtain the money and returned Thursday night, going to the kitchen window and beckoning to Coleman. The matter was adjusted. This was at 6:15 o'clock. Williams wore no overcoat at that time.

Yesterday Chief of Police George Washer who had sent out telegrams asking the police of neighboring cities to look out for the valuable diamond ring thought to have been taken from the murdered man, received the following letter from James J. Donaghy, captain of detectives, in Philadelphia:

We have information about a colored man, 30 years old, 5 feet 9 inches, about 165 pounds, black skin, smooth face, high cheekbone, and two gold teeth, upper front. He wore dark clothes, black overcoat and black derby hat. He tried to dispose of a diamond ring about 7:30 last evening to a jeweller in this city. The ring was between two and a half and three carats, what is known as a tooth setting. He claimed to have been in New York for three or four weeks and was on his way back to his home in Jacksonville, Fla.

Miss Jessie Kieb, daughter of the proprietor of the hotel, who had already told the police of her suspicions regarding Williams, said yesterday that the negro had been angry over his discharge, and had threatened to get even. It was also said yesterday that Romer, as one of the proprietors of the hotel, had been instrumental in obtaining the discharge of certain help, and Williams may have attributed his own discharge to the undertaker.

The description given in the Philadelphia letter, Miss Kieb says, tallies with that of Williams. The two gold teeth in front were particularly conspicuous and should assist in locating the man. When he first came to the hotel he said he was from Philadelphia, which would appear to be his headquarters. He had also told a guest of the hotel that his home was in Jacksonville, Fla.

The police believe that Williams is another name for Jesse Coe, or Cole, who is wanted in Indianapolis for the murder of a policeman. Coe's picture was shown to Miss Kieb yesterday morning and she positively identified it as that of the discharged hall boy.

One instance of the close manner in which the man tallies with the facts in the case is shown in the loss of Romer's overcoat. Williams wore no coat when seen in Orange before the murder; the man who tried to sell the ring in Philadelphia wore a black coat. Romer's coat was black, with an almost invisible stripe. The letter was written on Saturday, marking the time of the negro's appearance in Philadelphia as Friday night, or the night after the murder.

An assault was made on Charles W. Smalley, a Everyman, in his stable in Orange a week ago last night, and an attempt made to rob him. The men were negroes, but Smalley did not get a good look at the one who hit him. The police will try to connect this man with the murder of Romer.

The funeral of Romer took place yesterday from the Grace Episcopal Church, Orange. The church was crowded with friends of the dead man during the service.

SNARED SURE THING SUCKERS.

Waldorf Hallboy Partner in an Alleged Race Tipping Plant.

Lieut. McConville and his staff raided an office on the eighth floor at 320 Broadway yesterday which they alleged to be the headquarters of a race tipping bureau. They arrested a man who said he was William Karschmeister of 314 Eighth avenue, Brooklyn, and Edward C. Keliher of 242 West Forty-sixth street, who was employed up to last night as a hallboy at the Waldorf-Astoria. McConville declares that Karschmeister's right name is Kuchenmeister and that he has also been known as John E. Coleman. Keliher is alleged to have passed as Charles H. Sheldon, under which name they are accused of doing business. They are charged with using the mails to defraud and with doing business under an assumed name without registering it.

Some time ago a man told Lieut. McConville that he had sent money to a concern that pretended to have a sure tip on the races. He never heard from the money again. Yesterday he got another letter on stationery which read:

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The letter went on to say that a horse would start to-day in the races at the Fair Grounds track, New Orleans, which was going to win at 40 to 1 at least, and maybe the odds would be as high as 80.

The suckers were requested to bet at least $3 straight for the tipsters if they did their own betting, but they were advised to send their money to 320 Broadway and let "Mr. Sheldon" bet it.

McConville at the General Post Office found three registered letters bound for the Sheldon concern. When they were delivered McConville went along with his detectives. A man alleged to be Kuchenmeister appeared, but the carrier said he couldn't give the letters to any one but Mr. Sheldon. Kuchenmeister then called out the name and Keliher came out and said he was Mr. Sheldon. McConville then arrested both men. Two letters had $3 each and the other $7.

The management of the Waldorf, until they heard of his arrest, couldn't understand why Keliher didn't show up for work last night. He and Kuchenmeister are said to have operated the same game from 1270 Broadway under the name of Thomas Farrell. The police say the scheme was to get in a lot of money and move the day the coup was to be executed.

ANGUS POINTER DEAD.

Senator George E. Whitney's Pacer Had a Record of 2:01 3-4.

LEBANON, N. H., Dec. 16.—Angus Pointer, Senator George E. Whitney's valuable pacer, died at his stable here this morning. The horse was in charge of Mr. Whitney's trainer and driver, E. A. Sunderlin, since its return from the New York auction sale, where it was evidently bid in.

Angus Pointer was a bay gelding, foaled in 1898, bred by W. H. Buchanan of Kempville, Ont., and was sired by Sidney Pointer, 2:07¼, son of Star Pointer, 1:59¼, the first horse to pace a mile under 2 minutes. The dam was by Grant's Hambletonian. Angus Pointer had a record of 2:02¾ when the season began, which he reduced to 2:01¾ at Syracuse in September.

AMERICAN HENLEY DISCUSSED.

American Rowing Association Stewards Arrange for 1908 Regatta.

The American Rowing Association held its regular meeting on Saturday evening and matters relative to the "American Henley" for 1908 were discussed at length. The fixture next year will take place on May 23 on the Schuylkill River at Philadelphia and a great effort will be made to have a representative college entry.

Julian W. Curtiss attended and on behalf of Yale promised the entry of a second eight and maybe a freshman crew from New Haven.

From the discussion it was evident there would be eights from Pennsylvania and Columbia. Invitations are to be sent to all the leading clubs and the intention of the stewards is that the best men in America will be seen at the regatta this year. Each regatta of the A. R. A. has shown an improvement and doubtless in a very little time the American Henley will be the greatest regatta on this side of the water.

Entries from the Vesper Boat Club of Philadelphia will not be accepted at the next regatta unless that organization makes peace with the association. The trouble is due to the fact that the club allowed Louis C. Abell to coxswain its octopede crew although he was a disqualified man. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the action of the managing stewards in refusing to award the prizes in the octopede scull race to the Vesper Boat Club owing to the presence of Louis C. Abell as coxswain of their crew after his disqualification by the board of stewards be and hereby is ratified; further

Resolved, That in consequence of the action of the racing committee of the Vesper Boat Club in permitting Louis C. Abell to act as coxswain of their crew in the octopede scull race in the regatta of 1907 all entries of that club for regattas of this association shall be refused until the proper officers of the Vesper Boat Club disavow in writing to this board the above action of their racing committee.

Those present were:

Henry S. Van Duzer, president; Hugh Cabot, vice-president; Clement B. Wood, secretary; William Innes Forbes, treasurer; Robert P. Blake and E. C. Storrow of Boston, Thomas Reath, Dr. J. William White, Jesse Williamson and Charles S. Packard of Philadelphia, Julian W. Curtiss and Charles H. Sherrill of New York.

The officers and managing steward were reelected.

The resignations from the board of stewards of Divvie B. Duffield of Detroit and Walter P. Henderson of Boston were accepted.

BROOKLYNS MADE MONEY.

Baseball Club Controlled by Ebbets Showed Profit at Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the Brooklyn Baseball Club was held yesterday in the office of Albert C. Wall, 1 Exchange place, Jersey City. For the first time on record the gathering was made up entirely of Brooklynites, with the exception of Mr. Wall, who is the New Jersey counsel for the club.

The 2,500 shares of stock were voted as follows: Charles H. Ebbets, Sr., 1,490; H. W. Medicus, 749; Charles H. Ebbets, Jr., 250; Robert A. Wright, 1; A. C. Wall, 1. The following officers were elected: Charles H. Ebbets, Sr., president and general manager; Robert A. Wright, vice-president; H. W. Medicus, treasurer; C. H. Ebbets, Jr., secretary; board of directors, the officers and A. C. Wall; executive committee, Ebbets, Sr.; Medicus and Ebbets, Jr.

President Ebbets's report showed a profitable season in 1907. He announced plans for considerable improvement at Washington Park, including increased seating capacity, better accommodations for visiting clubs, &c. He also intimated that an effort was being made to secure a well known outfielder to strengthen the team.

RACING AT NEW ORLEANS.

Lad of Langden Wins Handicap After Soaring in the Betting.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 16.—Four favorites and two heavily played second choices rewarded the public to-day at the Fair Grounds. The handicap at a mile and seventy yards developed into an easy victory for Lad of Langden, whose price soared from 2 to 4 to 1. Delaby hurried the Watkins racer a fast half mile and that won him the race. Pasadena and Carthage, who attempted to race with him, were staggering all over the track after going that far.

The recent ruling of the judges against Jockey Warren prohibiting him from accepting outside mounts promises to develop into a sensation. Phil King, the boy's employer, appeared before the judges to-day asking that a thorough investigation be held. Summaries:

First Race—Five and a half furlongs—Freebooter, 127 (A. Pickens), 7 to 2, won; Magic, 134 (C. Koerner), 20 to 1, second; Toboggan, 131 (Mountain), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:13 1-5. Jerry C., Marthas, Killdoe, Gauze, Sneer, Stella Peebles, Chertiala, Lightburn, Masterson and Mazola also ran.

Second Race—Five furlongs—Cha, 108 (C. Koerner), 2 to 1, won; My Love, 104 (Otto), 15 to 1, second; Sundart, 99 (Pickens), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:01 2-5. Bonta, Male Fletcher, Miss Schirming, Redemption, Nunacious, Bitterly, Faltronia, Lady Pink and Mrs. Cook also ran.

Third Race—One mile and a sixteenth—Banard, 107 (Mountain), 8 to 5, won; Sister Larson, 103 (Notter), 4 to 1, second; Rio Grande, 102 (McFadden), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:53 3-5. Nance, Wabash Queen and Elizabethan also ran.

Fourth Race—One mile and seventy yards—Lad of Langden, 106 (Delaby), 4 to 1, won; Pasadena, 110 (V. Powers), 13 to 5, second; Carthage, 114 (Notter), 11 to 10, third. Time, 1:42 3-5. Right Royal also ran.

Fifth Race—Six furlongs—La Seur, 103 (Notter), 8 to 5, won; Hans, 108 (C. Koerner), 7 to 1, second; Ed Kane, 99 (Delaby), 12 to 5, third. Time, 1:16 3-5. Silver Ball, Arrow Sedit, Inauguration, Apollo Teddy, Thomas Calhoun, Ada O. Walker and Cuernavaca also ran.

Sixth Race—One mile and an eighth—Dr. McCluer, 107 (Mountain), 9 to 10, won; Granada, 105 (Pickens), 4 to 1, second; Lady Oakland, 102 (Lindberg), 12 to 1, third. Time, 1:52 2-5. Docile, Milstora, Shining Star, Lady Goodrich and Destroyer also ran.

New Orleans Entries for To-day.

First Race—Six furlongs—Durable, 103; Constantia, 103; Elaine, 103; Darlo, 103; May Rowe, 107; Fire Opal, 107; Idalo, 107; Mr. Peabody, 107; Stellland, 107; Tom McAffee, 107; Bassolo, 107; J. J. Jr., 107; Boomerang, 107; Prince Houchlone, 110; Jim Jill, 110.

Second Race—Five and a half furlongs—The Thorn, 92; Carasco, 92; Ketchemike, 95; Election, 95; Al Muller, 98; Ray Thompson, 101; Hawkaha, 106; Blagg, 106; S. M. McLeod, 108; Conville, 108; DeOro, 108; High Chance, 110; Alencon, 110; Hickey, 110; Arch Oldham, 113.

Third Race—Seven furlongs—Orena, 98; Retane, 98; Miss Mazzoni, 98; Blue Lee, 101; Brimmer, 101; La Jeunesse, 103.

Fourth Race—Handicap; six furlongs—De Oro, 92; Meadow Breeze, 95; Jack Dolan, 95; Yaldo, 95; Fantastic, 96; Phil Finch, 108; Platoon, 106; Tileing, 108; Pasadena, 109; Old Honesty, 111; King's Daughter, 112; Charlie Eastman, 114; Right Royal, 114; Jack Atkin, 127.

Fifth Race—Selling; one mile and 70 yards—Highwind, 97; Fonsolucs, 97; Waterdog, 97; Millixdes, 100; Delmore, 100; Goldway, 102; Odo Ella, 102; Canopian, 102; Tern's Rod, 102; Athena, 102; First Mason, 102; John McBride, 102; Orly II., 107; Docile, 107; St. Noel, 107.

Sixth Race—Selling; one mile and a sixteenth—Lucy Marie, 91; L. S. B., 96; Tudor, 96; Just So, 97; Lady Charade, 97; Communipaw, 98; J. D. Dunn, 101; Proteus, 102; Savoir Faire, 102; Grace Larsen, 102; Anna Day, 102; Gold Circle, 103; Javanese, 103; Doubt, 105; Pride of Woodstock, 110.

Billiards.

George Slosson and David Cutler began an 1,800 point contest in the former's academy last night. They are to play 300 points at 18.1 each night and Slosson won last night by the score of 300 to 228. The game was a pretty lively one and the balls rolled for both in pretty good shape. In the tenth inning Slosson made his run of 68. Cutler made a high run of 44 in the ninth inning. Slosson averaged 9 30-32 and Cutler averaged 7 4-32. The score:

Slosson—21, 21, 11, 23, 0, 9, 23, 0, 1, 68, 11, 16, 0, 0, 6, 28, 14, 0, 1, 8, 0, 1, 7, 9, 15, 7, 8, 1, 2, 1, 23, 3. Total, 300.

Cutler—1, 24, 14, 8, 16, 2, 26, 11, 44, 2, 2, 4, 0, 3, 8, 12, 0, 0, 2, 0, 7, 0, 2, 0, 14, 2, 0, 15, 0, 2, 2, 5. Total, 228.

Charles Scheidig defeated Dr. H. B. Jennings at the Knickerbocker Billiard Academy last night by a score of 250 to 149. Dr. Jennings had a handicap of 20 points, but failed to make the required 230 points. Scheidig made high runs of 39 and 29 and averaged 4 42-52. Dr. Jennings averaged 2 47-51. His high runs were 22 and 21.

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SPORTING TALK OF INTEREST

BOOTS DURNELL NOW UNABLE TO TRAIN FOR E. R. THOMAS.

Compact Between Them Said to Have Been Made Before Recent Jockey Club Ruling—Empire City Still Discussed—McGraw May Make Another Big Deal.

From what several well known turfmen said yesterday in discussing the case of C. E. Durnell, just ruled off the turf again by the Jockey Club, it appeared that if such action had not been taken Durnell would have blossomed out next spring as trainer or rather manager of a string of racehorses running in the name of E. R. Thomas. When Durnell was putting over the winners last summer for John W. Gates it is said that Thomas viewed the proceedings with a feeling of envy, for Thomas in previous experiences with the bookmakers never enjoyed much success. But with Durnell proving a money maker for Gates, Thomas, when Gates quit with a bankroll, decided, it is said, to get hold of Durnell with the idea of mapping out for next season a campaign against the books framed on the Gates lines. It was stated also yesterday that when the Jockey Club stewards took action against Durnell last week they were fully aware of the proposed compact between Durnell and Thomas, but it was asserted this compact had no bearing on the case whatsoever, as the stewards had decided to put the bee on Durnell as far back as last summer.

The ruling off of Durnell, therefore, is regarded as a bitter pill for Thomas, who must now look elsewhere for a trainer in Boots's class or refrain from betting entirely. Incidentally it is reported that Edward Corrigan may not recognize the Durnell ruling and will permit the young horseman to race at City Park, New Orleans. But those who are in touch with Western racing affairs say that Corrigan is now overruled in power by Condon, Cella, Rhinock, Winn and others who control the two tracks at the Crescent City and are more than ordinarily interested in racing in the East.

"I got a tip on Bellwether on Saturday from Jimmy McCormick," said Dave Johnson, yesterday. "He started in the first race at New Orleans and I bet $1,200 on him. But along comes a horse named Brown Thistle and beats him. I owned Brown Thistle once, but he was such a plug that I sold him to a man who said he was going to make a saddle horse out of him. That is why Brown Thistle made me feel ill on Saturday after I had wired my bet to the track."

"I do not believe there is a bit of harm in giving stimulants to racehorses," said a turfman at the Waldorf, "providing they are used all the time. Stimulants do not hurt horses at all and when properly used provide good and consistent results. But when some of those fellows who use the hop give it to a horse one day when he is at a long price and then let him run without it when he is a public choice, I believe the turf officials should take action. When you see a horse like Dr. McCluer, for instance, beaten off one day and then come out a few days later and gallop away from the same horses, I think the owner of such an erratic performer should be notified that if he cannot prevent such form somersaults he must sell out and quit racing. That would put an end very quickly to the use of stimulants by unscrupulous persons who use the turf for swindling purposes."

"I think you'll find when the time comes," said another gossip, "that James Butler will sever all relations with the Western crowd and will place the Empire track practically in the hands of the Jockey Club. Mr. Butler knows that with his track in high favor he cannot fail to score a big success at Yonkers next year and in years to come without having to pay 35 per cent. of the net receipts to the Western people, who ran his meeting last August. If Mr. Butler should stick to the Western crowd and should decide to hold another meeting in midsummer to conflict with Saratoga it would not be at all surprising if one of the metropolitan tracks was opened as a counter attraction. In the game of politics to be played by the Jockey Club between now and next season it will be the aim of the turf governors to keep the Western element out of this State, and that will include Buffalo."

George Davis, the star shortstop of the White Sox, thinks that Billy Sullivan, the catcher of his team, is the best backstop in America. "Ming of the Cubs is a great catcher," said Davis yesterday, "but Sullivan has him beaten. When the Sox won the world's series from the Cubs a year ago Sullivan showed beyond a doubt that he was Kling's master in throwing, in backstopping, going after foul flies, hitting and everything else. I never saw a better man on foul flies than Sullivan. He's simply a wonder." Speaking of star players, Davis said that in all his experience he had never seen the equal of Hal Chase as a first baseman. "Chase makes plays that no other first baseman would think of attempting," declared the Chicago player. "He must have a thinking apparatus like chain lightning."

Over in Boston the ball fans are beginning to think that Joe Kelley, the new manager of the Nationals in that city, has gathered together what looks like a pretty fair ball team. With Bowerman behind the bat, McGann, Ritchey and Brain on the bases, Dahlen at short field and the outfield looked after by Kelley, Beaumont and George Browne the Beaneaters, providing their pitchers can come up to the average standard, will probably put up a stiff fight from the start.

Meanwhile the report will not down that McGraw will soon make a deal with the Cincinnati club by which he will trade Tenney and Bresnahan for Schlei, Lobert and Artie Hofman, who may be turned over to the Reds in a few days by Owner Murphy of the Chicago Cubs. Hofman is a good first baseman, batsman and hustler, but can be easily spared by the world's champions. McGraw wants Schlei and Lobert, for whom he offered Bresnahan, McGann and Browne recently, but Herrmann wanted Tenney to manage the Reds, so the deal did not go through. Tenney says he does not care to play in this city but is anxious to go to Porkville, so now that McGraw has secured the Boston first baseman it is rumored that he has reopened negotiations with Herrmann.

There will be legislation by both of the big leagues before next season which will prohibit owners of clubs which take part in the world's series from donating their share of the receipts to the players. The owners of the Detroit club, for instance, after going over their end of the coin resulting from the series to Jennings's men found that they were actually $700 out of pocket owing to about $2,000 spent by them in fitting up their ball park for the big games. The players receive plenty of money from the series without such extreme liberality on the part of their employers, some of the ball magnates say. But unless there is legislation against the practice it is set forth that owners who do not give up readily will be called hogs by both players and fans.

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AMONG THE AUTOMOBILISTS

WORK ON PARKWAY TO BEGIN EARLY IN SPRING.

Boards of Supervisors and Highway Commissioners Asked to Permit Motor Road to Cross Various Highways in Nassau County Above or Below Grade.

A. R. Pardington, second vice-president and general manager of the Long Island Motor Parkway, said yesterday that work would be started on the first section of the parkway early next spring in an effort to have enough of the exclusive automobile highway completed for the running of the 1908 Vanderbilt cup race on it next fall. Mr. Pardington appeared before the town officials of Oyster Bay on Saturday regarding the elimination of the grade crossing at Central Park avenue east of the railroad station at Central Park, L. I. The town officials appointed a committee to confer with a committee of the parkway officers and another committee from the Long Island Railroad Company, which three committees will finally take the matter to the Public Service Commission for final action.

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., president, presided over a meeting of the board of directors of the Parkway last week in the general offices in the Night and Day Bank building. Mr. Vanderbilt reported at length regarding the activities of the various committees, the chief engineer, the general manager and the treasurer and submitted reports indicating that 34 miles of right of way between the Jericho turnpike at Mineola, Fulton street in Hempstead village and Garden City on the west and Lake Ronkonkoma on the east had been secured. Also that detailed surveys had been made, applications filed with the various boards of supervisors, highway commissioners and others for their consent to cross the various highways between these points, either above or below grade, and that the engineering department was now preparing detailed tracings for these various crossings, including the three crossings of the Long Island Railroad at Mineola, Central Park and in Hempstead.

The chief engineer reported on various types of road construction which he was investigating and on which tests were now being made. The chief engineer and the general manager further reported that the right of way between Riverhead town and Riverhead village had been surveyed in full and that the Riverhead board of trade had worked most enthusiastically in furtherance of the project. Reports were made showing that the rights of way between Lake Ronkonkoma and Riverhead town were being secured.

Word comes from London that the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has decided to cut down the period of the annual Olympia automobile show from two weeks to one, though one manufacturer proposed that the show be abandoned altogether, asserting that the expenses were too great and that the business secured there could be had anyway. Other makers did not share this opinion and the proposition to discontinue the show was voted down, though it was decided that it should be of one week's duration instead of two. The attendance figures show that this year's show was not as popular as the one a year ago. The report shows that 229,374 persons attended the show during the twelve days it ran, the greatest attendance being on the first Saturday, when there were 28,606 persons in the building. The attendance averaged 19,114 a day this year, as against 23,292 at the previous show. The best day of the 1906 show was the last one, when the attendance reached 29,000.

It is essential to the decent preservation of the finish of carriage work that it be properly cared for when the paint and varnish are new, whether they have been properly seasoned before being sent out of the factory or are green when they reach the owner's hands. A new car which is left for any length of time standing in the direct rays of the sun is apt to assume a dull and lustreless appearance after a time, while one on which caked mud is allowed to accumulate and stand until dry soon loses its fine polish, owing to the abrasive action of the grit when in process of removal. The latter evil is particularly noticeable when the newly finished car is left in the sun for any length of time while covered with mud. On this account it is well for the owner of a brand new car to be particularly careful in using it until after it has been in his possession for some little time unless he is assured that the finish is perfectly sound. Even then it is well to be careful, for a perfectly dry top layer may serve to cover several coats of imperfectly dried priming or color. If the car receives decent treatment in the beginning, however poor its finish, it will not deteriorate as rapidly as though it were put immediately into the rough and tumble of continuous all-weather service.

The shortage of gasolene in India has caused the Motor Union of Western India to announce that the reliability trials which were to have started from Bombay under its direction on December 26 have been postponed until February 2.

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PIERCY SHOOTS IN GREAT FORM.

Montclair Man Captures Event Preliminary to Amateur Championship.

Expert trap shooters who will take part in the national championship at Travers Island to-day gathered on the scene of action yesterday, and as a sort of curtain raiser thirty of them engaged in a preliminary shoot. They were divided into equal squads of fifteen. While one had a race of 150 rocks the others were content to dispose of 100. Amateurs and professionals mixed together.

Great interest was attracted to the 150 target match as Moffit of the Crescent A. C., last year's national champion figured therein, and not only the spectators but those who were in the shoot watched the work of the champion keenly. To many he was a disappointment, and if his work yesterday was indicative of his true form he will not account for the title this time.

The match was shot in rounds of 25, and in the first sortie Moffit made 21, he being easily outclassed by others in this round. For the next four rounds his tallies were 18, 17, 21 and 19, but in the last round he seemed to get the range of the traps better and he smashed 25 straight. This total of 121 out of 150 was not amazing and earned only ninth place.

The high gun in this race was Piercy of Montclair, N. J., with a total of 144, he having missed only six out of the whole string. On account of his excellent work he was much fancied for the big event to-day. He opened a bit ragged, but as he went along his aim became steadier and in the third, fourth and fifth rounds he made perfect scores of 25. Second to Piercy came Fred Hodgman of the New York A. C. with a total of 139, and the style in which he shattered the rocks was a surprise to the "winged foot" rooters. He had one full score of 25, and in the others his work showed consistency and that he had the range of the traps down fine. Wells and McCarthy, who tied for third and fourth positions, are professionals, and in fifth place came Upson, the Larchmont shooter, with the nice total of 135. Like Hodgman he had one full tally of 25. Tousey and Hendrickson, who finished down the line, only shot five rounds.

Those who figured in the 100 target race had an interesting time of it. Pratt, the professional, being high gun, with a total of 96. German, another pro, was second, with one target less, and in third place, with a total of 93, came Sim Glover, a light of the live pigeon shooting day. Maxwell and Fanning, a brace of pros, were in fourth and fifth places.

Then came Stevenson of the Crescent A. C., the first amateur to show in the race, and he had the closest sort of a tussle with G. Fred Pelham of the New York A. C., the Brooklyn marksman finally gaining the advantage by a single target. The first time up Stevenson had the advantage, the figures being 22 to 21 in his favor, and in the next round Pelham was again on deck with the same score, while Stevenson made only 20. This made them even, both having a total of 42. In the third round both made 24 and again they tied, but in the last round Stevenson was slightly better and he quit with the advantage, the scores being 22 to 21. The amateur championship to-day will be 100 targets shot in four rounds. The scores:

150 TARGETS, SCRATCH; SIX ROUNDS OF 25 EACH.

						Total.
Piercy	21	24	25	25	25	24—144
Hodgman	22	24	23	23	25	22—139
Wells	25	19	24	22	23	24—137
McCarby	22	21	22	25	22	25—137
Upson	23	21	22	22	25	22—135
Remsen	20	23	20	22	22	24—131
Brennan	19	21	23	23	22	23—129
Culver	19	20	16	22	25	22—124
Moffit	21	18	17	21	19	25—121
Henderson	21	18	18	17	20	25—119
Tousey	25	24	19	22	25	0—115
T. J. O'Donohue	20	20	17	19	18	20—114
Grinwall	20	19	18	22	16	18—113
Hendrickson	20	22	22	21	25	0—110
Bostwick	17	17	16	16	22	18—106

100 TARGETS, SCRATCH—FOUR ROUNDS OF 25 EACH.

Pratt	24	24	25	23	96
German	23	25	23	24	95
Glover	24	24	23	23	94
Maxwell	23	24	23	23	93
Fanning	24	23	20	25	92
Stevenson	22	20	24	22	88
Pelham	21	21	24	21	87
Dallaeby	21	21	22	21	85
Lyons	19	22	20	23	84
McCullagh	20	19	21	23	83
Bingham	20	20	21	22	83
Butler	19	20	21	23	83
Billings	19	21	19	21	80
Elias	15	20	24	20	79
Brown	20	14	22	20	76
Adams	17	19	15	14	65

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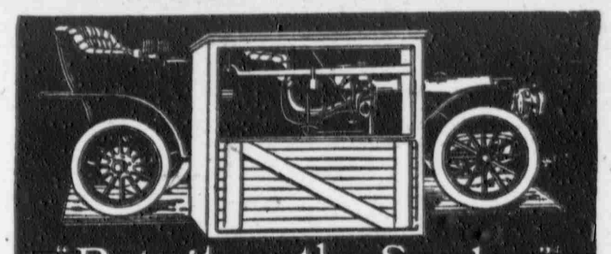
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Brooklyn—All macadam roads, such as the drives in Prospect Park, Eastern Parkway, Ocean Boulevard, Shore Road, Bushwick Avenue, from Eastern Parkway to the extension to Jamaica Avenue, &c.

Bronx—Spuyten Duyvil Parkway, Rockwood Drive, in Van Cortlandt Park; Van Cortlandt Park Avenue, in Van Cortlandt Park; Pelham Avenue, in Bronx Park; Eastern Boulevard, in Pelham Bay Park; City Island Road, in Pelham Bay Park; Crotona Avenue in Crotona Park; Mosholu Avenue, in Van Cortlandt Park; Gun Hill Road, in Van Cortlandt Park; Mosholu Parkway, Bronx and Pelham Parkway, Shore Road, in Pelham Bay Park, and Crotona Parkway.

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UNION BASEBALL LEAGUE.

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 16.—The Union League of baseball clubs was formed here to-day at a meeting held at the Bellevue-Stratford. At present six cities form the league, but it is proposed to take in two others which will give the league an eight club circuit.

A. W. Lawson, president of the Reading Atlantic League Club, was elected president, secretary and treasurer, and the cities admitted under the constitution and by-laws adopted are: Brooklyn, Ambrose Hussey; Newark, A. P. Konkle; Paterson, Frederick Paige; Reading, A. W. Lawson; Baltimore, Dr.